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SUBJECT: THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE CONTINUES: TWO POLICEMEN GUNNED
DOWN BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS

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1. TWO POLICEMEN ON DUTY IN THE WORKING CLASS SECTION OF
CARABANCHEL WERE MURDERED THIS MORNING, GUNNED
DOWN FOR A PASSING CAR.

2. THE STYLE OF THE KILLINGS IS REMINESCENT, AND DELIBER-
ATELY SO ONE ASSUMES, OF THE GUNNING DOWN OF FOUR POLICE-
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MEN IN MADRID OCTOBER 1, 1975 RIGHT AFTER THE EXECUTION
OF FIVE TERRORISTS BY THE FRANCO REGIME. THAT KILLING
WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE FRAP ORIGINALLY (A GENUINE
EXTREME LEFTIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION THAT WAS PUT
OUT OF BUSINESS BY POLICE PENETRATION AND ARREST OF
SOME OF THE FRAP PEOPLE INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATIONS).
AS FORMER MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR FRAGA TOLD US IT WAS

ONLY MUCH LATER THAT THE AUTHORITIES CAME TO BELIEVE
A GRAPO CLAIM THAT IT IN FACT HAD DONE THE
KILLINGS.

3. THE STRAIGHT LINE THEORY IS OF COURSE THAT THE GRAPO,
IN RESPONSE TO THE MURDER OF THE FIVE COMMUNIST
LAWYERS BY PUTITIVE EXTREME RIGHT KILLERS, HAS NOW
TAKEN VENGEANCE, IN ITS TWISTED FASHION ON BEHALF OF
THE LEFT. SINCE NEITHER THE IDENTITIES OF THE KILLERS
OF THE FIVE COMMUNIST LAWYERS NOR OF THE GRAPO (THE
KIDNAPPERS OF COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENT ORIOL AND
NOW LT. GEN. VILLAESCUSA) ARE KNOWN, THERE WILL BE A
VARIETY OF SPECULATION HERE E.G. THAT THE KILLINGS OF
THE LAWYERS AND THE POLICE WERE DONE BY THE SAME GROUP.
IF THE GRAPO WERE INVOLVED, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THEY
WOULD CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY.

4. WIRE SERVICES ARE CARRYING A STORY THAT THE WEAPON
USED TO KILL THE COMMUNISTS WAS A "MARIETTA" SUB-
MACHINE GUN MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES, USING
380 SHORT AMMUNITION. (REFAIR) THE POLICE HAVE TOLD THE EMBASSY
IN CONFIDENCE THAT THE AMMUNITION WAS INDEED 380 SHORT BUT THEY HAVE
NOT IDENTIFIED THE WEAPON SINCE THERE ARE SEVERAL
SUB MACHINE GUNS THAT USE THIS AMMUNITION. THE
AMMUNITION USED TO KILL THE TWO POLICEMEN IS 9 MM LONG.

4. HOWEVER ORCHESTRATED, AND FOR WHATEVER IDEOLOGICAL
REASON, THE EFFORT TO PROVOKE A CYCLE OF VIOLENCE
AND COUNTER VIOLENCE THAT WILL PRODUCE ENOUGH CHAIS
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TO PROMPT A SEVERE CRISIS AND TURN THE
CLOCK BACK CONTINUES. FURTHER VIOLENCE HAS BEEN
EXPECTED, BUT THIS WILL UNDERSTANDABLY PRODUCE MORE
TENSION AND DEMANDS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO SHOMEHOW
END THE VILENCE. THAT WILL BE EASIER SAID THAN DONE
UNLESS SOME OF THE CRIMINALS ARE CAUGHT. WE DO NOTE
THAT THE POLICE HAVE APPARENTLY AMASSED A GOOD CASE
AGAINST THE ARGENTINE JORGE CESARSKY IN THE KILLING
OF THE STUDENT ON JANUARY 24 TO BELIEVE THEY CAN GET
A CONVICTION. THIS IS THE ONE BREAK IN AN OTHERWISE
BLEAK PICTURE WITH RESPECT TO THE KIDNAPPINGS AND
SHOOTINGS. "EL PAIS" HAS MADE A RATHER CLEVER APPEAL
TO THE GRAPO KIDNAPPERS TO RELEASE ORIOL AND VILLA-
ESCUSA IN ORDER TO PROVE THAT THEY ARE A TRULY
LEFTIST GROUP, AND NOT A CAPTIVE OF SOME OTHER FORCE.
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